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Teacher Sentenced to Prison for Lewd Acts with Students

A 38-year-old man was sentenced today to three years in state prison for sexually abusing female high school students in 2011 and 2014, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Oct. 21, David Park pleaded guilty to two felony counts: oral copulation of a person under 16 and lewd act upon a child in case KA109090.

At today's sentencing, Los Angeles County Superior Court Commissioner Wade Olson ordered the defendant to register as a lifetime sex offender. Additionally, Park was ordered to stay away from the victims for 10 years.

Deputy District Attorney Kelsey McKeever-Unger, who prosecuted the case, said at the time of the crime, Park was a chemistry teacher at Los Altos High School in Hacienda Heights.

Authorities were alerted by a school official that Park may have been having a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old girl toward the latter part of 2014, the prosecutor said.

Park subsequently was charged on Feb. 25.

As authorities continued to investigate the case, a former student came forward and revealed Park had sexually abused her in 2011.

On April 16, the felony complaint was amended to include additional charges for the second victim.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.